(v) re : spread of small pox in Ramadurga Taluk.

SRI R. S. PATIL (Ramadurga).—I call the attention of the Hon'ble Minister for Health to the situation prevailing in Ramadurga Taluk due to suspected smallpox.

SRI SUBHAS ASTHURE (Minister of Major and Minor Irrigation) [on behalf of the Mininister for Health I wish to make the following Statement].—

Shri Govindappa son of Hanumanthappa Pujar, about 25 years of age of Naganur village coming under Hosakote Primary Health Centre, Ramdurg Taluk, Belgaum District went to a private practitinor by name Dr. Patavardhan on 3rd May 1976 at Ramdurg with history of fever on 26th April 1976 and development of rash on 29th April 1976. He was treated by Dr. Patavardhan and given some injection. On 8th May 1976 he saw Dr. Patavardhan again for treatment and he suspected that it was a case of smallpox, he informed the Medical Officer. Ramdurg and the incharge Medical Officer, Primary Health Centre of Hosakote at Ramdurg Headquarters, about the case. The patient was admitted in the Municipal Dispensary, Ramdurg on 8th May 1976 for treatment and observation and he was kept in the Ramdurg dispensary till 18th May 1976. On 11th May 1976 the Medical Officer (Family Planning) and incharge Assistant District Health Officer saw the case and he was of the view that it was not a case of small-pox. Investigations were also taken up by the Regional Deputy Director, District Health and Family Planning Officer, Belgaum, Dr. Patil Kulakarni, District Health and Family Planning Officer, Dharwar who was specially deputed and Dr. K. G. Kulakarni, State small-pox Surveillance Team leader. Dr. K S. R janna, State Programme Officer had also gone to the area for investigation. It has been ascertained that the case was not one of small-pox. Scabs have fallen off and there are no pitting scars seen on the body and the eyes are clear. The patient has also been vaccinated in his childhood and has also been revaccinated subsequently. The challange vaccination was also given and the result was successful, indicating that it was not a case of small-pox. The patient is normal and attending to his work. This is a case of Pyoderma with Eczema. The case has been investigated thoroughly. The village has been visited and it is found there are no smallpox cases in the village.

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SRI S. B. NAGARAL.—(Minister of State for Minor Irrigation)

MADAM SPEAKER, I beg to lay, on behalf of the Transport Minister :—

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